

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method of providing an essential oil extract of capsicum, and  
the extract itself, are provided. The extract contains capsaicinoid and  
terpene. Capsicum from which seeds and stems have been removed  
5 is mixed, in powder form, with a solvent, especially pentane, to dissolve  
at least some of the capsicum. During or after the mixing step, the  
liquid solution of capsicum in the solvent is brought to a temperature of  
less than or equal to 64°C to significantly reduce the solvent content  
thereof and produce an essential oil extract that contains capsaicinoid  
10 and terpene, especially in the naturally occurring ratio thereof.